

Mr. Henrix presented a petition of Mary Deborugh, of Talbot county, praying the passage of a law to authorize the Levy Court, of said county, to levy on the assessable property thereof, a sum of money for the support of her idiot child Thomas, as an out pensioner of said county; which petition was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs, Henrix, Hughlett, and Dudley,

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial from the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, in relation to the report of the select committee of this House, appointed to visit and examine into its condition, made on the 25th ultimo; which memorial was read in part, and on motion of Mr. Done, the further reading thereof was dispensed with, and it was ordered to be referred to a select committee of seven members, to be appointed by the Speaker; whereupon Messrs. Done, Steele, Semmes, Brawner, Gale, Hunt, and Harding were appointed the said Committee.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Divorces be authorized to send for and examine persons and papers in the case of David S. Barnum, and Sarah his wife; provided, that the expenses of the witnesses summoned, shall be ascertained by the rate allowed by the state, and be paid by the parties respectively requiring their attendance; and that such subpoenas shall be made returnable at such time as the Chairman of the said committee shall name.

On motion by Boyer, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of passing a law, to provide for the payment of jurors summoned in cases of "forcible entry and detainer."

On motion by Mr. Thomas, of St. Mary's, it was

Ordered, That the memorial of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, praying certain alterations in their charter, presented to the House of Delegates, on Monday, January 5th, 1829, be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

And, on motion by Mr. Buskirk, it was further

Ordered, That 111 copies of the said memorial be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

Mr. Teackle had leave to report a bill, to be entitled, an act to amend and reduce into system, the several acts concerning the conducting of Elections

And thereupon Messrs. Teackle, McMahon, Grason, Hicks, Travilla, Yoe, and Jenifer, were appointed a select committee to prepare and report said bill.